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To:

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From:

Chief Executive Officer

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE STIMULUS PLAN AND QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRAM FUNDING

The purpose of this memo is twofold, the first is to provide an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded Los Angeles County Workforce Stimulus Plan (Plan), also known as the 10,000 Jobs Initiative. The June 9, 2009 motion by Supervisor Knabe instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back on a monthly basis as to the progress in implementing the Plan. This status update includes specific information on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (ECF) to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth grant awarded to the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board, which is managed by the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS).

Further, this memo addresses the June 23, 2009 motion by Supervisor Knabe, which instructed the CEO and DPSS to report to your Board on a quarterly basis with information on the TANF ECF program's use of funding and to examine how community colleges can be used to advance or enhance the prospects of the program.

The 10,000 Jobs Initiative has met and surpassed our goal. To date, 18,382 individuals are enrolled in the programs.

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TANF ECF Update

From April 27, 2009 to June 21, 2010, 9,448 participants have been enrolled in the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Program administered by DPSS, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, and their 38 subcontracted WorkSource Centers and placement agencies.

WIA Youth Grant - Summer Youth Employment Program

From May 1, 2009 to March 4, 2010, the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board WIA/ARRA Youth contractors have placed 6,184 youth in work experience placements. As of March 31, 2010, the State granted extension to continue serving out-of-school youth has ended.

<u>TANF ECF – Summer Youth Employment Program</u>

In lieu of other available summer youth employment funding, DPSS and CSS are collaborating to place 15,000 youth residing throughout the geographic County, in subsidized employment during the summer of 2010, using TANF ECF. These funds are restricted in their use, by Federal and State directives, allowing the following populations to be served:

- Youth ages 14-19, who reside in households receiving CalWORKs and/or Food Stamps;
- Eligible foster youth living with relatives whose income is below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL):
- Eligible transition-aged foster youth residing with a relative whose income is below 200 percent of the FPL with a minor sibling in the home; and
- Youth receiving General Relief ages 18-24.

On June 1, 2010, the TANF ECF funded Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) was launched. To date, six of the seven Local Workforce Investment Areas have initiated their program. Countywide, 8,338 youth have responded to the offer of summer youth employment by visiting their local Worksource Center. Of those, 2,750 have been officially enrolled (submitted all required documentation) and 160 youth have been placed at a work site. It should be noted that schools are ending their academic year this month and peak enrollment and placement will occur in July and August 2010.

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TANF ECF Program Funding

The June 2009 Board motion allowed the City of Hawthorne (COH) to receive advance payment to cover operation/administrative costs, estimated at one-twelfth of the total contract amount, or \$13.3 million. On July 20, 2009, the COH was provided with the first advance payment of \$3,004,036. The second advance payment was issued on September 3, 2009 for \$7,220,888. The third advance was issued on January 14, 2010. The total amount of advances issued is \$13,318,083. The next advance will be issued in the first week of July 2010, and that amount is to be determined.

Community College Involvement

Due to the funding guidelines from the State on the usage of ARRA funds for Work Study students, effective September 30, 2009, DPSS was forced to suspend the Work Study in Public Agencies (WSPA) program. Fortunately, WSPA students were immediately enrolled into TSE and most remained at their WSPA work site. DPSS continues to work with the colleges to encourage them to become TSE work sites. Currently, there are 11 community colleges that are TSE work sites, with a total of 354 TSE participants working on campus. The colleges and placements are as follows:

•	Antelope Valley College	107
•	Los Angeles City College	40
•	East Los Angeles College	24
•	El Camino College Compton Center	97
•	Los Angeles Harbor College	9
•	Los Angeles Mission College	33
•	Mt. San Antonio College	11
•	Pierce College	1
•	Rio Hondo College	1
•	Los Angeles Valley College	26
•	West Los Angeles College	5

Summary

The CEO respectfully requests that both the monthly status report for the Plan and quarterly report on TANF ECF program funding conclude with this report. The Initiative has exceeded the goal of placing 10,000 participants over a one-year period ending June 30, 2010. Both DPSS and CSS will continue Federal, State and/or local fiscal and programmatic reporting as required by the respective ARRA grants. As to the community college component, there will be no updates at all to report in the future. There are no additional colleges being processed as worksites for TSE and all sites

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have committed to maintaining only the aforementioned number of participants. Finally, enrollments for the TSE program will cease at the end of July. Referrals will cease in mid-July. To date, TANF ECF has not been extended by the Federal government beyond the September 30, 2010 end date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Kathy House, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer at (213) 974-4530, or via e-mail at khouse@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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